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### Representative Urban to Address National Policy Conference



#### *Legislator To Highlight Initiatives That Help Small Businesses*

State Representative Diana Urban, R-North Stonington, will speak at the “Summit of the States” seminar in Washington, D.C on Saturday, December 3. The event is sponsored by the Center for Policy Alternatives (CFPA). Representative Urban, a member of the Legislature’s Commerce Committee, will speak on successfully promoting measures to benefit small business and microenterprise.

The conference will bring together state legislators, policy experts, labor union leaders and advocates from across the nation to develop progressive policy solutions and strategies for 2006, and share resources, successful programs and innovative policy models.

“With outsourcing and off shoring continuing to drain jobs from the US economy, it is important to remember the role our truly small businesses play in sustaining and promoting a strong economic web,” said Representative Urban. “CFPA has always been at the forefront in highlighting and developing progressive policy and I am delighted to be a part of the Summit on the States.”

Rep. Urban has made the needs of the small business community a priority throughout her tenure in the General Assembly. In 2003, she established the Small Business Advocacy Task Force, which is designed to address issues for small businesses in Southeastern Connecticut. The following year, the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) honored her for serving as an effective advocate for the business community as a state legislator.

Over the past eight years, the Summit of the States conference has become the nation’s premier convening of progressive state leaders. It includes substantive policy sessions featuring expert panelists from diverse national and state policy organizations, offering noted legislators and policymakers engaging plenary sessions, training and networking opportunities.